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FROM MAJOR WILLIAM CRAWFORD.

STEWART CROSSING, Sepr. 20th 1774

SIR

It has not bin in my Power Since your Letter cam to my hand requesting me to Run the Land Over again at the round bottom I am now agoing to Set out for our new Expedition¹ and taking my Instruments With me and Shall Comply with you in Each Article as far as is in my Power

I have I belive as much Land Lying on the Litle Kanhaway as will mak up your [mutilated] antity you want that I intended to Lay [mutilated] Warrents on but if you want it you [mutilated] have it and I will Try to get Other Land for that porpuss it Lys about 15 or 20 Mils up the Litle Kanhaway on the Lower Side and is all ready Run out on Tract of about 3000 Som od acres the other about 2500 well Marked and bounded as Soon as I can return I will Send you the Draft maid out but has not time to have it don now I do not here any of Cresaps Cla[i]m now more then as no person Lives on that Land, or any *any of your Land now* Since the Endens broke out I Spoke to Lord Dunmore in regard to it, and him Claim in what manner your properly to its Claim and those people took possession of the Land² [mutilated] it [mutilated] n make no [mutilated] ds you as you have the first Claim

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and a patent besids So that I belive it is out the power of any Person to PredjuDiss him against you

I this day am Set out with the first Devision for the Mouth of Hockhaking and there to Arect a post on your bottom where the hole troops is to Rendevouse³ and from thence to Proceed to the Shawnee Towns if the Endiens do no[t] Comply with his Lordship's Terms which is to give 6 Hostages for there good beheaviour which I believe the [y] will do

Lord Dunmore has had a Confance⁴ with them but I do not [k] now what [mutilated] don as yeat but they will meet him [mutilated] where I belive we Shall Setle all matters

Your Other matters here Mr young will inform you how they are Settled

Val Crawford Says Som person has bin indeavioing to Predjudiss you against him about your bisness in his Care as far as I [k]now or belive he has don all he cold do for you, and has bin at much risk and Expence but you will be better able to Judge when you See his return

Lord dunmore has orders from home by the Last Mail to [take] charge of all the new Purches and to Exarsise the Law of Virginia till his royal Pleashure is farther nown I am Sir Your most [mutilated]

[mutilated] CRAWFORD

1 William Crawford, now a major, belonged to the northern division of Lord Dunmore's army, which was commanded by Colonel Adam Stephen, and which his Lordship accompanied to the scene of action. The southern division, commanded by General Andrew Lewis, was comprised of the borderers on the west and southwest of the Blue Ridge. The two divisions, each containing about fifteen hundred men, were to march by different routes to the mouth of the Great Kanawha, from which point the united army were to invade the Indian country northwest of the Ohio, and spare neither town nor person.

2 Crawford's meaning in this sentence is decidedly obscure.

3 When Lord Dunmore arrived at Wheeling he changed his plans, much to the discomfiture of the troops under General Lewis, who had already preceded him to the rendezvous at the mouth of the Great Kanawha, where the battle of Point Pleasant was fought. His Lordship sent Major Crawford with his company and the horses and cattle by land to the mouth of Hockhocking, to which point he, with the remainder of the northern division,

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proceeded by water. Here he built a small stockade called Fort Gower, and marched on by land to within eight miles of the Shawnee town Chilicothe, on the Scioto.

4 Conference.